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Anglais

Résumé Analytique Comparatif

Big Pharma's popularity has taken a hit in the wake of the American "opioid crisis" and the COVID-19 pandemic. While the pharmaceutical industry was never popular among Americans, the opioid crisis, which cost over half a million lives due to opioid overdoses (doc 2) seems to have
50 worsened the public's // opinion. Purdue Pharma, the producer of OxyContin, a strong and addictive pain killer, have convinced many doctors of over-prescribing the drug. Doctors would prescribe the drug even for moderate pain, going against its intended use ^{of being} a last resort (doc 1). Purdue
100 Pharma assured there was little to no chance of // getting hooked, but in reality the drug has caused massive addictions and a huge death toll (doc 1). Meanwhile, the company has netted tens of billions of dollars in revenue (doc 2). To add insult to injury, the pharmaceutical industry's handling of the pandemic has been heavily criticized. Not only
150 has it shed // to light that the pharmaceutical industry fails to invent life changing medicine (doc 1), but it also revealed that companies such as Moderna, Pfizer and Purdue were somewhat responsible for the pandemic. They used government funding to create the vaccine and then limited production and jacked up the prices

200 from \$4 to // \$100 a dose (doc 1 and 2). Both these scandals have worsened the public's opinion regarding Big Pharma.

With Big Pharma's popularity being at an all time low, many ^{new} policies have emerged. Big Pharma's many generous donations, which were once welcomed, have recently been
 250 turned down by many institutions such // as the Louvre Museum in Paris or the Tate Gallery Group. While some institutions tried keeping their ties to Big Pharma, such as Oxford with the Sacklers (owners of Purdue Pharma), social pressure has forced them to let go (doc 2). Furthermore, Big Pharma are no longer
 300 untouchable in the United States // as the American government has negotiated the price of ten prescription drugs, such as insulin, in a bid to lower the price of drugs provided through the government's national insurance programme (doc 1).

All in all, the recent outrage induced by the "opioid
 350 crisis" as well as the COVID-19 pandemic // has severely affected the public's opinion in regard to the pharmaceutical industry, and led to many policy changes.

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Essai Argumenté:

The American Dream has long been an inspiration to many immigrants coming^{to} the United States. As evidenced by Manifest Destiny, the American Dream allows everyone to succeed in the land of the free. However, this American Dream has recently been challenged due to the dangers of America ("opioid crisis") and its powerful lobbies (Big Pharma).

It is clear as day that the "opioid crisis" has had a profound impact on the public opinion, not only within America, but also in foreign countries. This crisis, as well as the pandemic has shown to the world how capitalistic and backward-minded America ~~actually~~ is. The American healthcare system is mediocre at best compared to its European counterparts, as evidenced by the price of medicine and other medical bills. Big Pharma invents very little new medicines and will gamble people's lives away in a bid to maximize their revenue as seen with ~~opioid crisis~~ (doc 1). The crisis has also recently worsened ^(doc 4) as opioids are cut with horse tranquilizer which ~~Zombifies~~ its users and rots the flesh. Healthcare is very important to many people, but the current situation could make people think twice before moving to the United States. Furthermore, lobbies such as Big ~~Pharma~~, the National Rifle Association, or Big Tobacco seem to have a powerful influence on the government thanks to their various donations (especially during presidential campaigns) which keep their hands tied (doc 5). In my opinion, while the opioid crisis and the power of pharmaceutical ^{companies} have played their part in challenging the concept of the American Dream, many other factors must be taken into account, such as the political polarization (BLM, LGBTQ+, or the 2022 SC Dobbs v Jackson ruling) of the United States.

Notwithstanding, America a very attractive country for many migrants, especially for those

300 fleeing wars, famine or political unrest. // America is still
one of the most influential countries in the world, economically
prosperous (with a growth of 2,5% last year), and an opportunity
for many. Moreover, while some criticize Purdue Pharma, it
can epitomize the American Dream. The company netted
350 billions of dollars thanks to OxyContin (doc 2) and was // founded by a
third generation immigrant. This does show to thousands of
families around the world that success is possible in America (doc 3).
In addition, the power of Big Pharma and private insurances has
diminished over the last decade. Former president Obama introduced
400 the Affordable Healthcare Act closely followed by Obamacare //
which allows every American to have access to healthcare.
While it was briefly discontinued by Trump, it was reinstated
by Biden, who has also negotiated the price of 10 prescription
drugs such as Insulin. This may be the beginning of Big
450 Pharma's downfall and the resurgence of the American //
Dream.

In a nutshell, while the power of pharmaceutical companies
and the recent opioid crisis might have frightened some from
pursuing the American Dream, the fact of the matter is that
America remains an economic superpower and the government
500 has been trying to diminish Big Pharma's power. In my //
opinion, it is not Big Pharma, but the recent political
polarization which poses the greatest threat to the American
Dream.

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<u>Thème :</u> This is a migrant family among thousands others. At the beginning of the 20th century, Sophie Greenberg came to New York from Poland in pursuit of the American Dream. There, she met Isaac Sackler, who came from Wales. They will have three children together : Arthur, Mortimer and Raymond. Even with a few financial hardships the spouses will be proud of one thing : leaving their sons an untainted lastname. A century and three generations later, this last name is known nationwide and a member of Congress said he "wasn't sure if he knew a last name in America as infamous as this one"... During that time, a pharmaceutical empire was built and billions were made from OxyContin, one of the opioids which caused close to half a million American deaths in a span of twenty years, according to health officials. The story of this family is brought to us by american journalist Patrick Radden Keefe, in a fantastic and extremely well documented book. There are many great books about the opioid crisis says the author. "I nevertheless wanted to write a different kind of story, a saga portraying three generations of a family dynasty, and the way this dynasty changed the world. A story which would talk about ambition, philanthropy, crime and how they got away with it, corruption of institutions, power and their drive to succeed."			
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